The 4.5-mile extension of the Blue Line from Downtown Garland to Downtown Rowlett is now complete! The project got under way in April 2009 at a total cost of $360 million. Milestones include:

- Construction of six bridges
- Sound wall at Rainbow Estates
- Park & Ride lot with more than 750 spaces at the new Downtown Rowlett Station
- Forty-eight decorative lights at the station
- Widened Martin Drive (from State Highway 66 to Coyle Street) to facilitate traffic flow in the station area

A Brand New Day

Downtown Rowlett Station
Opened December 3

Rowlett’s future arrived bright and early on Monday, Dec 3 – at 4:20 a.m., to be exact. That’s when the first regular-service train pulled out of the station. DART employees were on hand during morning rush hours to provide free coffee and donuts – a gesture of thanks to the citizens of Rowlett for their longstanding support of DART.

Downtown Rowlett Station is loaded with amenities: more than 750 parking spaces, a new bus loop, four dozen decorative lights and tons of eye-catching art and design touches that capture the spirit of the city. It will be a source of pride for Rowlett residents for generations to come.
The Gateway to Rowlett’s Future

DART Rail stations have a way of becoming destinations. With the opening of Downtown Rowlett Station, Rowlett is poised to reap economic benefits that will likely include multi-use development. Expanding the tax base to include a greater mix of retail has long been on the city’s wish list, and DART has a proven track record of spurring development and drawing shoppers and diners from throughout the service area.

Rowlett city officials have high hopes for the area surrounding the station.

“The Blue Line is the right economic engine at the right time,” says Rowlett Mayor Todd Gottell. “The station is the gateway to our city’s future.”

Public Involvement: The Key to Success

Public involvement has been the cornerstone of the DART Blue Line Expansion project. Over the past several years, the public involvement team has connected with people throughout the Rowlett community. The team has deployed thousands of “DART yellow” door hangers, conducted scores of construction update meetings, and disseminated information through message-board signs, the DART website, phone calls, and one-on-one conversations.

The public involvement team also joined forces with sponsors to get the DART message out at numerous events – including the Rowlett Police Children’s Bike Rodeo, Rowlett’s Taste & Trade, Mt. Hebron’s Unity Fest, NAACP Back-to-School Event, Seniors’ Coffee and Donut Chats, health fairs and many other community outreach events. Both the DART and Austin’s team thank you for your patience.

Safety First!

Riders and pedestrians must pay close attention and always adhere to the following safety measures:

- Cross the street or track at designated crosswalks only.
- Never try to beat a train through a crossing.
- Never walk, ride or play on or near railroad tracks.
- Pay close attention to new signal lights.
- Do not make U-turns on tracks.

Keep your family safe!

Rowlett Bus Service Gets Some Tweaks

Along with the new rail service beginning December 3, some bus routes in Rowlett were modified. DART On-Call East Rowlett will continue as usual, but now serves Downtown Rowlett Station; it also has had its fare reduced from $3.50 to $2.50 per trip. Please note that the service has a new phone number: 214.452.1827.

Flex Route 887 serves the new station, but no longer serves Garland. The modified route operates along Lakeview Parkway from Dexham to Amesbury on weekdays only, at 30- to 40-minute intervals. This route, too, has had its fare reduced from $3.50 to $2.50 per trip.

Route 207 has been discontinued, as has Route 283’s select trips from Lake Ray Hubbard Transit Center to Rowlett Park &Ride. Route 283 still operates from Downtown Dallas to Lake Ray Hubbard.

DART’s New Fare Structure

DART’s new fare structure is now in effect. See the chart for details.

DART PASS & TICKET PRICES

INTRODUCING NEW DART PASSES AND FARE RESTRUCTURE

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 3, 2012

Local

- All DART buses and trains
- Trinity Railway Express service between Union Station and CentrePort/DFW Airport Station
- DART On-Call and FLEX services

Regional

- All DART buses and trains
- All Trinity Railway Express service, the T in Fort Worth, the A-Train and DCTA buses in Lewisville and Denton

DART’s New Fare Structure

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* These Reduced fares applicable under certain restrictions; see following page for details.
† These fares applicable weekdays only, adult fare required on weekends.

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